Setting up more Agricultural Export Zones

4624. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to withstand competition under the World Trade Organization by Enhancing Water Conservation Schemes and storage facilities for farmers;

(b) whether the Government proposed to set up more agricultural export zones for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Rain water conservation and harvesting is an integral component of watershed development programmes, which are being implemented all over the country. Keeping in view the diverse agro-ecological situations, location specific technologies are adopted for rain water conservation under the watershed development programmes. The major schemes implemented by Ministry of Agriculture for enhancing water conservation in the country are as follows:

1. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA).

2. Soils conservation for enhancing productivity of degraded land in the catchment of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers.

In order to strengthen the storage infrastructure in the country, a new Central Sector Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for construction renovation/expansion of Rural Godowns has been, approved to create new storage capacity and renovation of rural capacity.

Schemes for strengthening the post-harvest management, infrastructure and minimizing post-harvest losses are being implemented.

(b) and (c) In order to encourage exports of agricultural/ horticultural commodities, 24 Agri Exports Zones have been approved so far. The details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Product-wise and State-wise details of Agri Export Zones approved so far

Sl. No.	Products	Concerned State
1.	Pineapples	West Bengal
2.	Gherkins	Karnataka
3.	Litchi	Uttranchal
4.	Vegetables	Punjab
5.	Potatoes	Uttar Prades
6.	Mangoes	Uttar Pradesh
7.	Potatoes	Punjab
8.	Mangoes	Uttar Pradesh
9.	Grapes & Grape Wine	Maharashtra
10.	Mango Pulp & Vegetables	Andhra Pradesh
11.	Pineapples	Tripura
12.	Potato, Onion & Garlic	Madhya Pradesh
13.	Mangoes	Maharashtra
14.	Apples	Jammu & Kashmir
15.	Flowers	Tamil Nadu
16.	Kesar Mangoes	Maharashtra
17.	Flowers	Maharashtra
18.	Walnut	Jammu & Kashmir
19.	Litchi	West Bengal
20.	Litchi	Bihar
21.	Mango and Grapes	Andhra Pradesh
22.	Mango & Vegetables	Gujarat
23.	Potatoes	West Bengal
24.	Flowers	Uttaranchal